

**Political Organization
 Notice of Section 527 Status**

Part I General Information

1 Name of organization Florida Hotel & Motel Association PAC		Employer identification number 59 0248210
2 Mailing address (P.O. Box or number, street, and room or suite number) PO Box 1529		
City or town, state, and ZIP code Tallahassee, Florida 32302		
3 E-mail address of organization tawaits@mindspring.com		
4a Name of custodian of records Thomas A. Waits	4b Custodian's address PO Box 1529 Tallahassee, Florida 32302	
5a Name of contact person Chris L. Hartman	5b Contact person's address PO Box 1529 Tallahassee, Florida 32302	
6 Business address of organization (if different from mailing address shown above), Number, street, and room or suite number 200 West College Avenue, Tallahassee		
City or town, state, and ZIP code Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1529		

Part II Purpose

7 Describe the purpose of the organization
 1) To promote and strive for the improvement of government by encouraging and stimulating Florida hoteliers and oth
 to take a more active and effective part n governmental affairs. 2) To encourage hoteliers and others to understand the
 nature and actions of their government, as to important political issues, and as to the records of officeholders and
 candidates for election. 3) To assist hoteliers ans others in organizing thrmselfes for more effective political action and
 carrying out their responsibilities. 4) To do any and all things necessary or desirable for attainment of the above stated.

Part III List of All Related Entities (see instructions)

8a Name of related entity	8b Relationship	8c Address
Florida Hotel & Motel Association	Connected	PO Box 1529 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

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Part IV List of All Officers, Directors, and Highly Compensated Employees (see instructions)

9a Name	9b Title	9c Address
Raul Bradley, Jr.	Chair	1236 Stonehurst Way Tallahassee, Florida 32312
Jack Healan	Vice Chair	First Coast Hwy. PO Box 3000 Amelia Island 32035-1307
Thomas A. Waits	Secretary/ Treasurer	PO Box 1529 Tallahassee, Florida 32302
Jerry Thirion	Director	475 Seagate Drive Naples, Florida 33940
Bill McCreary	Director	1500 Epcot Resorts Blvd. Lk Buena Vista, Florida 32830
Gary Brown	Director	2411 Atlantic Avenue Daytona Beach, Florida 32118
Jack Hardy	Director	i Grand Cypress Blvd. Orlando, Florida 32836
Walter Banks	Director	1700 S. Ocean Lane Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316
Russ kimball	Director	1160 Gulf Blvd. Clearwater Beach, Florida 33767
Bob Stolz	Director	5700 Cove Drive Orlando, Florida 32812
Doug Rodibaugh	Director	PO Box 997510 Miami, Florida 33299
Julie Hilton	Director	11127 Front Beach Road Panama City, Florida 32407

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the organization named in Part I is to be treated as an organization described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that I have examined this notice, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Sign Here

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Signature of authorized official

Date



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RE: EIN #31-03576
OGDEN, UTAH

Internal Revenue Service
Ogden, Utah 84201

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to transmit the attached Form 8871 and inquire as to whether or not our association is required to do so.

The Florida Hotel & Motel Association is a non-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the state of Florida. We are designated as a 501(c)(6) exempt trade association with the Internal Revenue Service. Our primary purpose is to represent and serve the interests of the Florida transient lodging industry.

Under the laws of the state of Florida, there are two forms of political action committee (PACs). A regular PAC and for those organizations such as trade associations, a category called a Committee of Continuing Existence. Strict and regular reporting procedures are required for both categories. Activities of these PAC organizations are restricted to state and local political activities, and support of any candidate for federal level public office is prohibited. In light of this, we wonder if your new requirement, which we know was politically intended to address soft-money expenditures at the federal level, is intended to apply to 501(c)(6) trade associations, such as ours, which have a qualified "Committee of Continuing Existence" under state law. (Ours is called the Florida Hotel & Motel Political Action Committee.)

While our fund level last year was slightly below the \$25,000 threshold level IRS has established to qualify for filing, we anticipate that we will exceed this in the near future. So, we do need a response from you, even though our below-the-threshold status may not require filing at this time.

We are, of course, quite anxious to comply with all appropriate and necessary filing requirement at both the state and national level. It is in this spirit of cooperation that we ask your advice and counsel. If additional information is required, please advise me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas A. Waits', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas A. Waits
President/CEO

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Attachment